

The Japanese in Hawaii.

The Government organ has lately been quite excited in its exertion to show that the Japanese in Hawaii are not a dangerous, not even an important factor in the political situation. We are told that the Japanese Consul has returned from Maui and that everything was lovely among the people there. It is pointed out with pride that the Japanese minister to Washington (who never saw Hawaii) has assured an interviewer that there was nothing except good feeling among the Japanese in Hawaii, and that they were not men of military training. In fact the organ pooh-poohs the idea that the steadily increasing number of Japanese in Hawaii is a matter which deserves the most serious and thorough consideration, and talks in a supercilious tone about Japanese "alarmists."

The fact is that the organ doesn't know much about the true condition here. The Japanese have so far been peaceful and apparently friendly, because the policy of the Government has been to give way to them on all points and constantly stroke them the right way. But when the day comes when it will become necessary to adopt a firmer attitude against them the organ will probably come to a different conclusion.

There have been several cases of friction between the Japanese Legation in Hawaii and the Foreign office. The Japanese government insisted on securing the same rights for its citizens here as those granted to other foreigners. It was of course a bitter pill for a government which only recognizes as its superiors the brave men who shoulder guns and deliver anti-Asiatic talk at American League meetings, and who never let an opportunity pass by to make anti-Asiatic planks. The Japanese were firm, and the pill was swallowed, and to-day every Japanese has the same rights and the same facilities or difficulties to become voters, and exercise the franchise as have English, German or American residents in Hawaii. The Japs gained their point and they are friendly.

When the usual cry for cheap laborers arose from the throats of the planters on another occasion it was decided to import 5,000 or more Chinese. As soon as a statement to that effect had been published the attention of the Foreign Office was called to the fact that there was an understanding between the Japanese and Hawaiian governments, under which the latter pledged itself not to import any considerable number of Chinese at any time. In fact it was on that condition that Japanese immigrants ever were introduced here. Our Foreign Office tried to dodge out of the understanding, but it was due to such firmness that it gave way and no Chinese were imported. Friendly smiles again wreathed the lips of our polite friends of the chrysanthemum.

At another time Mr. Thurston, who is somewhat inclined to talk through his hat—got up at a meeting in Washington or somewhere else and stated in his free

and easy fashion that the Asiatic hordes in Hawaii must be rooted out. As soon as the echo of his speech reached Hawaii a letter framed in rather strong terms went from the Japanese legation to the Foreign Office, asking if the sentiments expressed by Minister Thurston were also the sentiments of the government of Hawaii, and when the "rooting out" business was to begin.

The Foreign Office spent presumably a day in finding suitable language for Mr. Thurston and then a most polite letter went to the legation, disavowing Mr. Thurston and his speech, and expressing a strong belief that he never could have said such things, together with the strongest assurance of the undying love entertained by Hawaii for the Asiatic hordes here, and the rising sun shone again and looked peaceable.

We give these few instances to show that the best reason for the supposed friendship of the Japanese in Hawaii towards the government can be found in the fact that they have so far had their own way and always been treated with the highest consideration. But one of these days they will ask for "more" and their special request may be of such nature that it will be impossible for the government to grant it. If the "friendly" feelings can survive perhaps be well for the community if for the present further immigration was stopped. It was understood that such was to be the case now, but the departure for Japan of W. N. Armstrong looks very suspicious. The "general" doesn't travel for pleasure alone—and there are pots of money in Japanese immigration schemes.

Observations.

Judge Cooper is one of the most energetic and industrious judges Hawaii ever has known. He speeds business in a manner which is not quite agreeable to the many lawyers who have become—we will not say lazy, but only acclimatized in Hawaii. Yesterday the judge refused to drag the special term out *ad infinitum* and several lawyers objected hard when extension of time was not granted. The judge said that he had been accused of neglecting his duty and he proposed to get the cases on the calendar up to date. He thought that he had made the members of the bar understand this, as he had told them his ideas in plain English. Minister W. R. Castle looked very sour and didn't think that the judge could have spoken in French. Other pleasant remarks were passed, but the term will be pushed, for which all litigants ought to be truly thankful.

The appointment of W. R. Castle to the post of Hawaiian Minister at Washington has not met with the approval of the brave heroes who built up the republic. It is indeed a shame that the government,

which at other times is swamped with the adulations of the said heroes, should go to work and appoint a man whose candidacy for the place has not even been submitted to our real rulers. But what are ye going to do about it?

It is understood that the British Columbia speculators will not press their charter for an electric tramway at the special session of the Legislature. What would be the best scheme out would be to buy out the horse tramways and establish an electric system over the best routes that can be designated. Two systems of rapid transit will never do in a town of Honolulu's dimensions. Come, citizens of money and brains, and put your heads together.

It is not alone Tammany Hawaii that is incensed against the appointment of W. R. Castle as Minister to Washington, as was hinted by the INDEPENDENT yesterday might be the case. Grave and reverend seigniors of the Legislature of the Republic say it is the greatest mistake the Government has ever made. A man's foes are certainly in this case those of his own household. The greatest difficulty of those who destroyed Hawaii's independence for the sake of office and sugar bounty is that they cannot agree over the division of spoils and they have failed to get the sugar bounty. If Mr. Castle had sacrificed his life in the late riot he would have a gorgeous monument erected to him by those who now curse his good luck in getting that easy billet at Washington. The place should have been given to either Murray of the "Lague" or Kennedy of the "Foundry," both of whom have directed the Star in its different campaigns, first, to exasperate the real people of Hawaii, and, secondly, to pull the wool over the eyes of the dupes who took up arms for annexation only to find, when they had done their part, that all they were wanted for was to place power in the hands of men who needed it to perpetuate coolie slavery in Hawaii for the benefit of their own pockets, and obtain all the best offices for themselves and their relatives, which they never could have obtained through the choice of the people.

The two garrison companies have gone into camp on the Executive building grounds.

Ex-detective Wagner was fined \$3 and costs for drunkenness, but the charge of carrying concealed weapon was not prosecuted.

It took Drs. Murry, Wood and Herbert to pull a native man through who had come in contact with suckers while working in the water.

SPORTS.

Race Track Notes.

The baseball event on the 11th of June at the race track promises to be very interesting.

It is understood that the following crack wheelmen will start in both races: Angus, Giles, Dexter, Atkinson, Chapman, Sylvano, Walker and Halstead. Atkinson and Halstead have both been under the weather, and it may be necessary for them to draw out, but it is hoped they will have recuperated sufficiently to be on the turf on the great day. Cornwell's horses warmed the track yesterday morning. Although it was an early hour there was quite a number of spectators, each of whom has got a different time for the horses which were worked. The Colonel smiles but he doesn't give time away this year—not of his own horses at least.

The Gay horses were plated yesterday and it was generally reported that they would be worked this morning. Half a dozen sports have probably caught their death from cold sitting up all night in the Park waiting to catch Stanford's time.

It is expected that Duke Spencer, Autonomy and Cornwell's new horse will be entered for the half mile dash. The colonel's is very nice but she has got a name which sounds too much like "Miowers" to guarantee her as a favorite. The owners of trotters have been walking around looking down-hearted and pale. They don't like Billy Button at all, and some of them talk of withdrawing from the 2:50 class race. When the day comes they will all be there anyhow.

The track is in good condition and the management is doing all to insure a grand success.

A Narrow Escape.

A collision which took place between a tramcar and a private carriage last Monday very nearly turned out disastrous. Mrs. C. A. Brown and her little son and Mrs. C. Arnold were in the carriage, which was standing outside the store of Ehlers & Co., and evidently close to the track. A tramcar came along and, as it seems and as the ladies claim, ignoring the carriage altogether ran into it, took off the wheels and threw the occupants upon the sidewalk where they all miraculously escaped any injury. The ladies state that the driver of the tramcar did not ring the bell, and as the back of the carriage was turned to him they had no means of hearing the approach of the car. It is believed that a strict investigation will be held in the case to find where the blame of this accident lies. The carriage was totally wrecked.

Not Certain.

According to American papers the Bennington was supposed to have left San Francisco for Honolulu on the 28th ult. to take the place of the Philadelphia. It was also stated that Admiral Beardslee would transfer his flag to the Bennington. So far the Admiral is without any official information in regard to the matter, and the officers of the Philadelphia do not consider it plausible that an Admiral's flag would be hoisted on a man-of-war of the size of the Bennington.

Agitation Against Foot-binding.

There has lately been a great agitation against the footbinding custom in China through which the unfortunate female children are crippled for life. The English newspapers in China have taken the matter up with great vigor, and the most remarkable attacks and defenses are made against and for the custom.

"Philo-Sinensis," writing in the columns of the *North China Daily News*, says that a large class of Europeans, namely the Roman Catholic Missionaries in China, are responsible for perpetuating the evil of foot-binding. These missionaries have about ten thousand orphan and abandoned girls under their charge, and as they desire ultimately to find Chinese husbands for their proteges, they bind the latter's feet. But "Philo-Sinensis" points out that these girls are always married to converts, and that, if a proper antipathy to the evil of foot-binding were educated among the converts, the unfortunate girls might be saved the suffering and inconvenience of having their feet cramped into deformities.

Mr. Y. D. Luk, a Chinaman, writes this in the *N. C. Daily News*:

What is the use of binding the feet? This question is answered by saying that its purpose is the same as "waist-tightening" amongst the European ladies. Do you tighten the waist for comfort? No. Is it to make one look taller or shorter? No. Then, what is it for? It is for beauty. It is to catch the eyes of men. So is footbinding. They are both for the benefit of man. Footbinding does not do as much harm as waist-tightening. The former only crushes the metatarsal bones (which is very painful) which cannot be so injurious to the body as the latter, which displaces the vital organs, that they cannot perform their proper functions. I have heard of people who have met their deaths by waist-tightening, but not by footbinding. When so many medical men have written against the harm of waist-tightening, and have not succeeded, how much more then can a number of European ladies think to succeed in putting a stop to this very ancient custom of ours? There are now many medical ladies. Why do they not first begin to loosen their waists? They must surely know the effect upon the organs of the body. It would be as useless for a number of our Chinese women to start a society against waist-tightening, as a number of European ladies would against footbinding. You enlightened Christian ladies should begin at home by forming an Anti-waist-tightening society, then we Chinese may perhaps follow your good example.

My hearty wishes with you in the success of your work. I, for one, wish footbinding would go out of China. My heart aches to see the poor girls crying, but it is no use to cry over spilt milk.

The Chinese theatre was visited yesterday afternoon by a number of society ladies who evidently miss an opera house.

The departure for Maui yesterday evening of Admiral Beardslee was quite unexpected. The Admiral will make a flying trip and return this week.

Timely Topics

June 5, 1895.

A question that will be of great importance at the meeting of the coming Legislature is the Liquor Question. The party now in power is in many ways affiliated with the prohibition party in the country, and there can be no doubt that every effort will be made by the different temperance societies to secure legislation which will prevent or at least diminish the liquor traffic. Many theories in regard to this matter have from time immemorial been advanced and here as elsewhere have people who can only be termed fanatics advocated measures which as a rule have injured their case through their intolerance and harshness. These fanatics class the moderate drinker with the habitual drunkard, and they assign him to the rather played-out drunkard's grave. The liquor question is of vast importance, but it should be discussed calmly and with due consideration to the liberty and rights of the individual citizen. We have now on hand some of the finest cocktail shakers ever introduced here.

We had some of the same pattern but the demand was so great that we soon had to order another lot. A cocktail can't help being excellent when mixed in these shakers. We can also show you some pretty stoppers for bottles in neat design, and of a very practical construction.

Do you know what a jigger is? The name indicates something in the line of high jinks, but it is simply a very pretty and very handy liquor measure which should be used in all first-class bar rooms. All the goods are in excellent Britannic ware and cannot be distinguished from solid silver. In the same ware we have many things suitable for presents, ornamental to the sideboard, and useful in any household. We sell a very pretty orange spoon and knife. They are a delicate pattern and very useful. Our coffee and tea spoons in different patterns and our napkin rings are worthy of inspection. Many other ornamental and useful things in plated ware or in old copper are exhibited in our show cases. We have some tasty smoking sets and match cases which always will be welcomed by any smoker, and other articles too numerous to mention.

The Hawaiian Hardware Co. Ltd.
Opposite Spreckels Block,
507 FORT STREET.



NINTH Annual Meeting

Maui -:- Racing Association

July 4th, 1895

PROGRAMME.

- 1st—RUNNING RACE
Purse \$30
1-4 mile dash for Maui bred Ponies 14 hands and under. Catch weights
- 2nd—RUNNING RACE
Purse \$150
1 mile dash, free for all
- 3rd—TROTTING and PACING TO HARNESS
Purse \$100
3 minute class, 1 mile heats, best 2 in 3
- 4th—RUNNING RACE
Purse \$50
(Maiden race) 1-2 mile dash for all Maui bred. Weight for age
- 5th—RUNNING RACE
Purse \$50
(Corinthian race) 1 mile dash. Members of the Association to ride. Welter weights
- 6th—RUNNING RACE
Purse \$100
1-2 mile and repeat for Hawaiian bred horses
- 7th—RUNNING RACE
Purse \$100
3-4 mile dash, free for all

The above is subject to change

A. N. KEPOIKAI,
Secretary Maui Racing Association.
my20



Hollister Drug Co.

523 Fort Street.

Wholesale & Retail Druggists

AND
Photographic Dealers

LARGEST STOCK,
BEST GOODS

Lowest Prices
my16

THEO. H. DAVIES & CO., LIMITED.

IMPORTERS OF

DRY - GOODS !

Hardware, Crockery
and GLASSWARE

Groceries, Feed Stuffs, &c

SPECIALTIES:

White Bros. Cement
Corrugated Iron Roofing
Galvanized Water Pipe
Paints and Oils
Roche Harbor Lime
C. and C. Flour
Hav, Grain, etc., etc., etc.

AGENTS

FOR

CANADIAN - AUSTRALIAN

Steamship Line.

my18